

FAST TIME VOTES SLIP AWAY AS TIME GOES BY

Good Fellows Brighten News

Supplying Glad Tidings Until Christmas

Everybody wants "good news" in their evening paper and from now to Christmas we have set aside a portion of the front page for just that.

THE HERALD-PRESS GOODFELLOW FUND



What Good Fellows do is "good news."

Today from widely separated points comes a total of \$11 which added to the dimes and dollars already in brings the Good Fellow fund to \$753.

With the Good Fellow goal at \$3,500 we have, officially \$2,747 to go.

The good news today concerns Ann Livingood, Debra Livingood and Great Grandma of Baroda who slipped \$5 into the fund.

Then Mrs. James E. Small, Jr. sent in \$5 in memory of a dear friend, Mrs. Floss Westcott.

Anonymous added another dollar.

LOTS OF ADVERSITY

There is a lot of adversity in the world and sometimes there is so much bad news that the individual Good Fellow may be tempted to throw up his hands and figure, what's the use.

But Good Fellows for the past four decades, ever since the grim depression days, have been fighting adversity with their dollars, knocking down trouble with their dimes and writing good news every year by consistently going over the top.

Usually wet, soggy snow does not rate the "good news" treatment but there is something about falling snow that starts an avalanche of gifts to the Good Fellow fund. So roll up a handful of coins and greenbacks into a ball and toss it into the Good Fellow fund. You will get a big kick out of hitting gloomy adversity.

GOOD NEWS LIST

Here's the latest list of good news:

Spirit of Christmas	5.00
Holiday Football wagers	65.00
Sanitary Cleaners	10.00
Friendly Dentist (football bet)	1.00
Kathy Kemp's Continental Beauty Salon	10.00
U of M (WJB) vs. MSU (WBL)	10.00
Toni's cooks (U M vs. Minn.)	10.00
Killian and Kovtan bet	10.00
Beseda Club, Stevensville	5.00
Frank Bard, Union Pier	10.00
David Bard, Union Pier	10.00
Twin Cities Area Newcomers club	10.00
Illinois—U of M bet	5.00
Girl Fellows	10.00
Members of World War II Victory Chapter Unit 1	5.00
In Memory of Craig Wenzlaff	5.00

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DURING NOVEMBER

Van Buren Drivers 'Bag' Deer Per Day

PAW PAW—Deer hunters may or not have had much luck in Van Buren county in November, but motorists managed to average more than a deer a day with their vehicles.

Paw Paw state police reported they handled 27 car-deer collisions during the month, while the Van Buren county sheriff's department reported 9, for a total of 36.

South Haven state police said they investigated 11 car-deer accidents over Van Buren county and portions of Allegan and Berrien counties. Officers said statistics had not been broken down on Van Buren county, alone.

Sheriff Richard Stump was one of those who headed north for a couple of days for the opening of deer season. He didn't get his deer, but when he returned home he found that Deputy Henry Van Dyken had taken care of the matter for him.

Reports indicate that Van Dyken unintentionally speared a 180-pound buck with a patrol car just north of the Paw Paw village limits.



RADIATION INSPECTORS: Joseph M. Hennigan, (left) radiological engineer for the Michigan Health Department, and Russell Caron, environmentalist for the Van Buren County Health department, monitor sample of air vapors and dust particles taken at one of four testing devices set up around Consumer Power Company's new atomic power plant under construction in Covert township. Weekly tests will be made in the area from now on to assure safety for residents on a 24-hour basis. The State Health department is conducting the preoperational radiation study is checking tests made by Consumers' testing equipment which measures levels of natural radioactivity in the plant area. (Staff photo)

Three Arrested In Postal Probe

Claim ADC Check Stolen, Endorsement Forged

Surveillance of mail deliveries by a team of six U.S. postal inspectors yesterday led to the arrests of three persons on charges involving the theft of ADC checks.

The trio was arrested at Fairplain plaza after a postal agent observed the alleged removal of mail from a box at 577 Territorial road, Benton Harbor.

Inspectors then followed a car to Fairplain Plaza and observed a woman cash a \$112 check at

the Kroger store.

A postal inspector said six agents from Michigan and Illinois have been in the Twin City area since Oct. 16 as a result of local police departments receiving reports of stolen ADC checks.

Booked on charges of uttering and publishing, forgery and possession of stolen property was Mrs. Gloria F. Hunt, 21, of 185 Bellview street, Benton Harbor. Police said she identified herself as the widow of Cecil Hunt, a Negro who was shot fatally by an unknown person during civil disturbances in Benton Harbor, August, 1966.

OTHERS CHARGED

Charged with conspiracy to utter and publish were Eugene Whiteside, 21, of 256 Ohio street, and Lee James, Jr., 40, of 805 East Vineyard street, both of Benton Harbor.

Whiteside had been free on bond on charges of arson and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. He was arrested by Benton Harbor police in October after a firebomb was thrown at a building, and a gun was fired at a car. No one was injured.

OBSERVED BY AGENT

A U.S. postal inspector said

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Statewide Recount Still Likely

Some Errors Are Found In Allegan

LANSING (AP) — An unofficial precinct-by-precinct recheck of the votes on Daylight Saving Time has uncovered four apparent errors which increase the margin of defeat for DST, state elections officials said Monday.

However, a DST backer said a recount of the still-narrow vote was likely anyway. He added a decision might be made by next Monday.

State Elections Director Bernard Apol said a check by his office of returns in all the state's 5,576 precincts increased the apparent margin of defeat for Daylight Saving Time from 413 votes to 1,501.

Apol said errors apparently were made in Mackinac, Macomb and Allegan counties and all, when corrected, served to increase the margin against fast time.

The tangled time drama began after the Nov. 5 election, when unofficial returns indicated the proposition had carried by a narrow margin.

However, the official state canvass of votes, completed Nov. 22, showed a defeat for Daylight Saving Time by a margin of 1,402,415 to 1,402,002. Because of the closeness of the vote, Apol's office undertook the recount of precinct totals and it disclosed the four errors.

Apol said these discrepancies were found in the recount:

—In Mackinac County, returns for St. Ignace's second precinct apparently were reversed, with the "no" vote total written in the "yes" column and vice versa.

—The same mistake appeared to have occurred in Watson and Wayland townships in Allegan County.

—In the city of Warren, some 200 "no" votes apparently were erroneously added to Macomb County's yes-vote total.

Apol said he had asked the boards of canvassers in the three counties involved to reconvene, recheck their figures and submit corrected totals to the Board of State Canvassers.

The state board, because of the closeness of the vote and the surprise result revealed by the state canvass, declined Nov. 25 to certify the vote on the time proposal pending Apol's inspection of the precinct totals.

The state board has scheduled a meeting next Monday to officially certify the corrected totals. After that, backers of Daylight Saving Time would have 48 hours to petition for a recount of the narrow vote.

RECOUNT LIKELY

Although the most recent check increases the proposal's margin of defeat, a recount is still likely although a final decision had not been made, said Lansing attorney Charles McLean, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

"I'm drafting a recount petition which we'll have ready," McLean said. "If I had to guess, I'd say, 'yes, we will.'"

A vote recount cost \$5 for each precinct checked, but the petitioner's money is refunded if the retabulation of votes overturns the outcome of the questioned race.

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BROTHERS AWAIT ARRAIGNMENT: Robert Barton, 18, (left) contemplates charge against him while his brother, Thomas, 31, appears to snooze in Berrien county jail at 5 a. m. today. The Benton township residents were arrested on breaking and entering charges. Thomas faces additional count of jumping bond. St. Joseph Municipal Judge Maurice Weber conducted pre-dawn arraignment. (Staff photo)

Long Manhunt Ends; Brothers Arrested

Police Strike Before Dawn

A Berrien county police manhunt of several weeks ended early today when the oft-arrested Barton brothers, Thomas, 31, and Robert, 18, were taken into custody on two charges of breaking and entering.

They were arraigned at 5 a.m. today in Berrien county jail. Sheriff's officers said a third count of breaking and entering was expected to be filed later today.

Thomas Barton was being held under bonds of \$25,000—\$15,000 for jumping bail and failing to appear for trial in Berrien Circuit court last month, and \$10,000 on the breaking and entering charges. Robert's bond was set at \$10,000 in the arraignments before St. Joseph Municipal Judge Maurice Weber.



SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

REPORT MISLEADING

You Can't Believe All That You Read

By BILL HAMILTON
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW—Sometimes the written word can be misleading, as any experienced writer knows. A recent police report illustrates the point.

The report, as submitted by the officer, read: "Miss X— and Miss Y— requested assistance of this department. Officers stood by while the girls removed their clothing. No unusual incidents occurred."

A hasty check by a reporter indicated two officers had been assigned to prevent trouble while two young women retrieved some personal belongings from the house of their parents, who were antagonistic.

The officer who wrote the report preferred to remain anonymous.

to arraign the two brothers.

OTHER CHARGES

The Barton brothers still have a charge of breaking and entering Skibbe's Manufacturing Co., Pipestone road, Sodus, pending in circuit court. Thomas Barton was to face trial on the charge when he failed to appear. His bond was forfeited. The brothers had been free on bond since being arrested last July in connection with the Skibbe break-in.

Thomas Barton has served time in the Southern Michigan prison at Jackson for a burglary

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Top Level Pay Hikes In Offing?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson has been advised to initiate pay raises of 50 per cent and more for the president and congressmen, according to the Washington Post.

The Post said Monday a special commission report submitted to Johnson proposes raises in the president's salary from \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year and an increase in the present entertainment allowance of \$50,000 a year by \$25,000.

Congressmen, who receive \$3,000 annually, would get a \$20,000 raise under recommendations in the report, the Post said.

Recommended raises for the speaker of the House and vice president amount to \$32,000, making their annual salary \$75,000.

The report, prepared by a commission headed by Frederick R. Kappel, former chairman of American Telephone and Telegraph Co., also recommends raises for cabinet officers, supreme court justices and nearly 2,000 top federal executives in all branches of government.

The Constitution forbids a change in a president's salary during his term. Any pay raises recommended by Johnson would become law in 30 days if they're not vetoed by Congress. The new Congress meets Jan. 3.

Stewart On Crime Commission



DON C. STEWART

Benton Harbor City Manager Don C. Stewart, 54, was notified Monday he is one of 29 members appointed to the governor's Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

The appointment was effective Monday on receipt of a letter from Gov. George Romney's office. The commission's first meeting is set for Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in Romney's office.

The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets act of 1968, enacted June 19, provides for gubernatorial appointment of state planning agencies representing law enforcement agencies within the state which will make comprehensive plans for public protection, police recruitment and training, public education, and organizing special law enforcement groups to fight organized crime, among others.

The new commission will help Michigan qualify for \$1.57 million in federal funds in 1968 and 69.

ONLY CITY MANAGER

Stewart has been city manager of Benton Harbor for 11½ years. He is the only city manager named to the commission.

Gov. Romney is chairman and vice chairmen are State Police Director Fredrick Davids and John B. Martin, chairman of a former state crime commission. Members include Lt. Gov. William Milliken, Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley, State Chief Justice John DeHorn, State Corrections Director Gus Harrison, Judges Horace Gilmore of Wayne county and Mary Coleman of Calhoun county probate court; Judge-elect Henry Headling of Detroit recorder's court; Detroit Police Commissioner Johannes Spreen, Ingham

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Mexican-Americans Consider Two Routes

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a six-day public hearing in San Antonio, Texas, starting Monday, Dec. 9, on problems of Mexican-Americans in the Southwest. Most of the country's five million Mexican-Americans live in the Southwest and in Southern California. Their complaints and their tactics closely parallel those of the Negro civil rights movement.

The commission intends to examine the difficulties faced by Mexican-Americans in the fields of education, employment, economic security, and administration of justice. For example, the hearing will seek data on "the extent to which rules and practices of public school systems preclude or impose sanctions on the use of Spanish in school or on school grounds" and on "whether Mexican history and culture are found in school culture."

Cesar Chavez is probably the best known of the various Mexican-American civil rights leaders. Chavez is director of the AFL-CIO's United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, which has called for a nationwide boycott of California-grown grapes until the growers recognize the union. An advocate of Gandhian nonviolence, Chavez has been compared to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Reies Lopez Tijerina, on the other hand, is likened to Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown. Tijerina was the leader of an armed band that raided a New Mexico county courthouse in June 1967 and freed 11 of his followers. The group, known as the Political Confederation of Free City States, lays claim to about 2,500 square miles of northern New Mexico. The area, they contend, was granted to their forbears by the Spanish crown.

Building ethnic pride is one of the foremost goals of the so-called Brown Power movement. Assimilation into the Anglo world is rejected by militant leaders as a form of group suicide. Just as black militants glorify the culture of the Negro ghetto, their Mexican-American counterparts assert that the barrio offers a more sedate, spiritually stronger life than does Anglo society. It follows that the slogan of the movement is Viva la Raza — hail to the race.

Will Klein Be A Mirror Or A Slammed Door?

There was some instinctive stirring of free-press hackles when Richard M. Nixon designated Herbert G. Klein to serve as "director of communications" in the new administration. Whether the raising of hackles is justified will depend on the concept of Klein's task, and on how it is carried out.

Though the lofty title conferred by the president-elect upon his old friend has not previously been used, presidential press directors in recent times have all tried in some measure to ride herd on information officers throughout the executive branch of the government. Klein, since he will not himself have to serve as a day to day press officer,

may succeed where others failed. Success in this endeavor is a relative matter, granted. But none of Klein's predecessors in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations has been able to keep department and agency information officers wholly in line. That may be all to the good, so far as the public is concerned — and this is precisely the consideration which some find worrisome when they think of Nixon having an overall "director of communications." It is feared that the holder of this title may turn into a kind of information czar, an understandably distasteful idea.

One well informed observer is Rep. John E. Moss of California, who has for some time been chairman of a House committee on freedom of information. He has expressed apprehension as to "the awesome powers seemingly proposed" for the director of communications, and says he fears they might "lend themselves toward the concept of a dictatorial and suppressive single voice in government."

This is not a silly bugaboo to be shrugged off. Moss rightly notes that improper use of the powers Klein is to have might destroy "the greatest protection there is against government secrecy, which is the access to diversified sources of information." Moss also properly calls attention to other possible dangers in having a central source of executive information — "the opportunity to exercise censorship, to manage the news and to manipulate information that is not favorable to the administration in power."

In extenuation it must be remembered that White House efforts to manage the news in one way or another are nothing new; every president in our time has indulged in this to some extent. The fact that Klein is to be known as director of communications is not in itself reason to condemn this arrangement. We must wait and see its practical effect — see whether Klein will truly use his office "to eliminate any possibility of a credibility gap" as Nixon has directed him to do. Press and concerned citizens alike will watch the matter with great interest.

Defiance In Russia

Aleksei Y. Kosterin until recently was best known in the Soviet Union as the father of a young girl whose diary of her observations and experiences during World War II before she was killed by the nazis became almost as famous as the diary of Anne Frank.

Kosterin, an old-time Bolshevik whose revolutionary activities dated back to 1917, is an author who has not written much in recent years, but he has made history on his own in Russia.

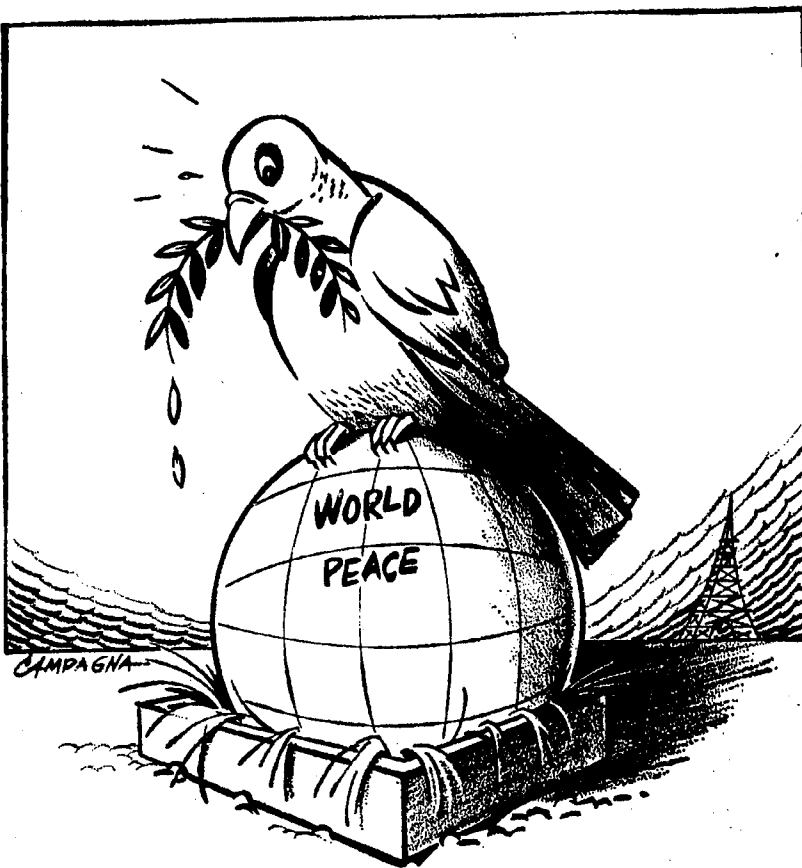
The 72-year-old Russian has turned in his Communist party card, saying he wanted "to free myself from party discipline, which deprives me of the right to think."

Kosterin has a long record of defending unpopular causes in the Soviet Union, and spent 17 years in a slave labor camp under Stalin. As an opponent of Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia, Kosterin has become vocal in recent months. In a letter accompanying his resignation from the party, the author said: "As in Stalin's time, freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly, of meetings, demonstrations and street processions only exist in the form of declarations written in the constitution."

"In practice, those who try to use their constitutional rights are arrested, and anyone who protests against this arbitrariness is expelled from the party, dismissed from work, followed everywhere by agents of the KGB, and have their mouths closed in other, including the most revolting, ways."

Official recognition of Kosterin's courageous action by the U.S. State Department probably would be unthinkable, but free men everywhere cannot help but admire a man who freely invites the most terrible retaliation upon his person rather than accommodate himself to an oppressive government.

Will It Ever Hatch?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

STUDENT RECEIVES EXCELLENCE AWARD

—1 Year Ago—
Arnold W. Strauss, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Strauss, 4028 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph, was one of 17 students receiving excellence in scholarship awards from Washington university medical school, Washington university, St. Louis, Mo.

Strauss, a sophomore, received the Lange Medical Publications Book award as the member of his class with high scholastic standing and achievement in research.

S.J. SCHOOLS FIRE CHECKED

—10 Years Ago—
St. Joseph schools were inspected for possible fire danger last September and found to be in good shape, Fire Chief William H. Mitchell reported. He said another extra inspection of all the school buildings is going on now and will be finished before Christmas. The inspection came in the wake of a fire in Chicago that killed 87 pupils and three nuns.

'GIVE IN OR DIE' — ALLIES TO GERMANY

—20 Years Ago—
The London Star said today a Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference in the Middle East has drawn up a final "give in or die" ultimatum ultimatum to Germany. "Stalin is at war parley: meeting with Churchill and Roosevelt; give in or die to Germany," was the way the afternoon newspaper headlined the article.

Earlier, chairman Tom Con-

nally of the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee had declared in Fort Worth, Texas, that "another great conference is taking place in the Middle East" among the three United Nations leaders and described the meeting as "of paramount significance."

RACE TO PAY

—35 Years Ago—
Four St. Joseph taxpayers raced for the honor to be first to pay 1933 winter taxes. Mrs. Jane Morrow won the honor of first place and others first in

line at city hall were James I. Wallace, A. J. Saron and Mrs. Gust Gast.

ANSWER CALL

—45 Years Ago—
Thirty-five candidates responded last night to the first call for basketball material for the coming season, reporting to Coach Hank Howe. He has three lettermen from last year's squad. They are Kaesten, Weber and Bischoff. The maize and blue's mentor's biggest task will be to fill the places of Chet Stines, Al Nordberg, Heier, and King, who have graduated.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Father Defends Son, Claims 'Persecution'

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

I write this letter with regret. The last thing I wanted to do is to draw more attention to my boy because it has now been a week since he was fined and sentenced. But Tobias or the reporters still persist on publicity by bringing it all forth again almost daily, by commissioners' meeting, radio and newspaper. The boy is taking his punishment, but all this is

hurting him, my family and our relatives. This I can not take without saying something.

Tobias keeps mentioning the boy's record. The Saturday's paper talks about Tobias' showing the arrest card of Ron's to Judge Maurice Weber. Now how is Tobias able to obtain this card when the police say it is unobtainable? Also he referred to this card wrongly, which makes it sound like my boy is hardened criminal and he is not. Tobias must mean the card which is called, "incident card."

This card consists of any complaint or charge whether he was found guilty or not. Of these so-called "brushes with the law" the majority were minor incidents where there was no arrest. Such as: "caught at Kiwanis Park with black eye would not state who took swing at him," or "reportedly crashing a girls slumber party with a group of boys." Because of last week's incident, does Tobias want him to be put in jail and the key thrown away?

Ron's view of last week's accident differed from the reported incident. He had had something to drink earlier, but he was not drunk. He couldn't have been because when his car slid out of control, he still steered it over a curbing, between large trees on the lawn, and between trees, light post and two houses without any damage to lawn, houses, or car. Only one, three-foot ornamental tree was pushed over. He then went and asked the lady at one of the houses to call the police, which she had done. He didn't want to leave the scene of a property accident.

The incident that happened after the police arrived might not have taken place if the officer, who had been asked several times, had answered Ron's question which was, "Who is driving my car?" It was Tobias!

Tobias told me that he is not out to hurt my boy, but he is after the judge and prosecutor to be more severe in their punishment. I'm all for this, and I believe people in general want the Supreme Court, right down to the municipal courts to punish criminals to the full extent of the law. But let us prosecute not persecute as Tobias seems to be doing.

WARREN HENDRIX
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St. Joseph

EDITOR'S NOTE: See story on page 3.

RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. Give the Roman name for the Greek god Aphrodite.
2. Give the Roman name for the Greek god Hermes.
3. Give the Roman name for the Greek god Zeus.
4. Give the Greek name for the Roman goddess Juno.
5. Give the Greek name for the Roman god Neptune.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1833, the first coeducational college — Oberlin Collegiate Institute in Oberlin, Ohio — Opened.

BORN TODAY

There is still considerable controversy among historians about the contribution made by Gen. George Brinton McClellan toward the winning of the War Between the States.

To some, he is charged with ineptitude and even with disloyalty. To other historians, notably J. G. Randall, he was the great Union general of the war.

McClellan, who was born in 1826, graduated from West Point and later became a railroad executive.

He was named commander of the Union forces in 1861 and directed by President Abraham Lincoln to take charge of the troops at the capital and bring order out of chaos. This he did and the spirit of demoralization that affected the Union forces after the defeat at First Bull Run quickly disappeared.

The army of the Potomac was transported to Fort Monroe by

steamer and began an advance upon Richmond.

Although he had great organizing ability, McClellan's reluctance to take offensive action against the enemy exasperated President Lincoln and he was relieved of one command after another until his retirement in 1863.

In 1864, McClellan became the Democratic presidential candidate upon a platform which denounced the war as a failure and proposed negotiations with the South for peace. As a patriotic soldier, McClellan repudiated the platform although accepting the nomination. Lincoln was reelected president overwhelmingly.

Others born today include Gilbert Stuart, Connie Boswell, Newton D. Baker and Andy Williams.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
HELIOCENTRIC — (HE-li-oh-SEN-trick) — Adjective; as viewed or measured from the center of the sun.

DID YOU KNOW . . .
The bat is the only mammal that can fly.

IT'S BEEN SAID
Three things are men most likely to be cheated in—a horse, a wig and a wife.—Benjamin Franklin.

YOUR FUTURE
Your fortunes will revive and increased domestic happiness is evidenced. Today's child will be perserving.

HOW'D YOU MAJKE OUT?

1. Venus.
2. Mercury.
3. Jupiter.
4. Hera.
5. Poseidon.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

The exploitation of the sick and the frightened is a special game played by many who know that an easy dollar can be extracted from their victims. In a recent survey of small fly-by-night "health magazines" there were fourteen different advertisements for methods of treating a hernia. All of them capitalized on the idea that a "newly developed scientific marvel makes surgery unnecessary."

It is astonishing how many of these "marvels" are discovered by "scientists" without training and without any knowledge of what a hernia is or how it should be treated.

These modern wonders seem to be perfect for every conceivable hernia in a man or woman. There is one great classification for this hogwash and that is quackery.

There was a time when a hernia, especially in the groin, was classed as an unmentionable condition because there seemed to be some kind of shame attached to it. Mature adults have graduated from this attitude and now are bringing their problems directly to their physician.

Exactly what is a hernia? In general, it is some kind of defect in the protective muscle wall through which can protrude a loop of intestine, tissue or a part of an organ. Hernias can occur in many other parts of the body besides the groin. They happen in the esophagus, around the navel and following an operation (incisional hernia). The most common is probably the inguinal hernia that occurs in the groin.

The two major classifications of hernias are first, congenital ones found immediately at birth, and the acquired hernia is caused by some improper development while the baby is in the mother's womb. Acquired hernias are almost always caused by injury or excessive strain, in addition to some weakness of the muscle wall.

Small hernias may be present for many years without any symptoms or distress, but lifting a heavy weight may be

sufficient to enlarge the opening and cause trouble. Some occupations lend themselves to the hazards of hernia. Longshoremen, sanitation workers and farmers who do not use mechanical lifts are constantly subject to the risk of hernia.

The danger of using corrective gadgets without the suggestion and advice of the doctor is that a group of intestines can sometimes be pushed into the inguinal hernia's opening. This happens severe complication may follow. Herein lies the danger of believing that the truss offers permanent safety. Occasionally, in the elderly, when surgery is not an ideal choice a truss is suggested by the physician who then keeps his patient under constant observation.

A truss or padded device is not a cure for the underlying anatomical weakness of the muscle. All it does is to give support, but must not make people complacent with a false sense of security.

Surgery for hernias is carefully chosen by consultation between the surgeon and the physician. When symptoms become distressing or when a hernia interferes with the ability to function normally, surgery may be the simplest, safest and best way to treat the condition.

Occasionally, even with excellent surgery, there may be a recurrence of the hernia. Almost always this can be traced to a rapid return to arduous activity.

The choice must be a medical one. People with hernias understandably prefer not to be operated on. Remember, however, that the temptations of advertising are great and can mislead the unsuspecting victim.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH—Adult dental health can be traced directly to preventive dentistry during childhood.

These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere.

Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ 853			
♥ 72			
♦ Q762			
♣ AK94			
WEST			
♠ J10964			
♥ A			
♦ J943			
♣ J52			
EAST			
♠ A2			
♥ 854			
♦ A108			
♣ Q10768			
SOUTH			
♠ KQ7			
♥ KQJ10963			
♦ K5			
♣ 8			

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 4♥

Opening lead — Jack of spades.

In most deals, the play of the cards is reasonably automatic and both sides achieve the par result.

However, in some deals, the so-called par result is not attained because one side or the other unaccountable strays from the straight and narrow and in that way comes to grief.

In most such hands the error becomes obvious once the deed is done, and is quietly stored away for future reference, but

once in a while the error is not especially noticeable and the players go merrily on to the next deal unaware of any wrongdoing.

For example, take this hand where South opened fourth hand with four hearts. West led the jack of spades.

East won with the ace and returned a spade ruff. South led the nine of hearts in an effort to get trumps out as soon as possible, but West won with the ace and returned a spade. East ruffed and then cashed the ace of diamonds to put declarer down one.

This was certainly not a par result. While it is true that East — West found the best method of defense, South should nevertheless have made his contract by taking the appropriate steps to forestall the spade ruff.

Instead of impulsively leading a trump at trick three, South should have cashed dummy's A-K of clubs at once and disposed of the queen of spades, which was much too hot an item to keep in stock.

Having done this, a trump lead would then have been in order, and, with the queen of spades having flown the coop, no return by West could beat the contract.

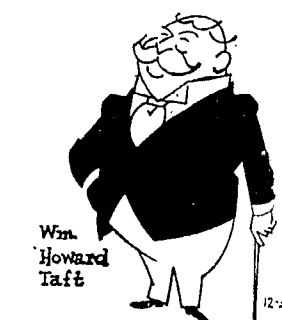
BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Fattest president by far that we've ever had in the U.S.A. was the good-natured William Howard Taft. Visiting friends one summer day in Long Branch, New Jersey, he was disporting himself languidly in the surf when his host's two young sons asked if they could have a swim before lunch. "You'll have to wait till later," their father told them gravely. "The President is using the ocean."

Alexander Woolcott once was shanghaied into attending a tryout of a new melodrama in a summer theatre. For the second act climax, one actor was supposed to kill another—but when the gun was "fired," there wasn't a sound. Again the desperate actor pointed his gun—and again silence reigned. When a third attempt fizzled, the desperate stage manager ordered the curtain to be lowered.

Woolcott and the rest of the audience were already on their way up the aisle when the gun finally went off backstage. Woolcott chuckled diabolically and commented, "Well, at least



they got the author!"

SIGN HERE:
On the window of a Broadway haberdashery: "Our going out of business sale will resume when we get back from our vacation."

In a division Street bar: "The opinions expressed by the bartender are those of his wife."

In a Norfolk gift shoppe: "Suggestive mother's day gifts."

On the gate of a KKK convalesce: "Out to lynch."

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DR. BROWN URGES SPEEDUP IN INTEGRATION

Planning Chief Not Reappointed

'Conflict Of Interest' Is Possible Reason

Orville Schrage, chairman of the St. Joseph township planning commission, was denied re-appointment last night apparently on a "conflict of interest" suggestion.



ORVILLE SCHRAGE
'Tempest in Teapot'

Schrage is a vice president of Peoples State bank whose president, John S. Stubblefield, also is president of the St. Joseph Improvement association. The association has purchased uninhabited land in the township and deeded the parcels to the City of St. Joseph which annexed the land.

The township planning commission has no jurisdiction over such annexation transactions.

Schrage, chairman of the planning commission and its predecessor, the zoning board, for the past two years, said there was no foundation to the innuendo.

INCUMBENTS REAPPOINTED

The St. Joseph township board last night re-appointed two incumbent members of the planning commission, Orville Owings and Ernest Knauf to the commission and then replaced Schrage with Donald S. Davenport, 451 Cayuga road, Fairplain.

Dr. John T. Manning, a member of the township board of trustees, serves as liaison between the two units.

Minutes of the Nov. 19 planning commission meeting show that Dr. Manning suggested the possibility of conflict of interest in Schrage's role as commission chairman and his relationship to Stubblefield.

The issue arose during a discussion of previous remarks by Supervisor Orval Benson that rezoning should be accelerated to prevent further annexations to the City of St. Joseph.

Minutes of the meeting taken by Secretary Charles Bazata read: "Chairman Schrage offered his opinion that rezoning will not prevent this annexation operation, but that annexation would be deterred once sewer and water services became available in the township."

"Chairman Schrage advised that the Twin City Coke (Coca Cola) property which was heretofore depicted on our existing land use map as a platted subdivision was indeed annexed by the City of St. Joseph about six months ago."

Schrage said last night the conflict of interest charges were a tempest in a teapot and that he was not concerned about his appointment or rejection.

The board took an unusual route to replace Schrage. Two weeks ago, at the request of Dr. Manning, the usually routine re-appointment of the three incumbents was held up to permit additional nominations. Last night, with Dr. Manning absent, Davenport, Meinert Schroeder and Truman Schrag were nominated along with Schrage, Owings and Knauf. A secret paper ballot was used with Owings, Knauf and Davenport declared elected.

Robert DeVries, 3008 Kevin (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

Defields Enters Plea Of Innocent

Whirlpool Exec From Georgia Dies In St. Joe

John M. Center, 53, of Atlanta, Ga., was dead on arrival at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, yesterday at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Center, Whirlpool Corporation's southern territorial manager of field service to Sears laundry and floor care products produced by Whirlpool, was enroute to the Twin Cities when he suffered an apparent heart attack. Survivors include his widow, Emma Lou, and two daughters. The body will be taken from the Kerkilowski and Starks funeral home to the Auster funeral home in Clyde, Ohio, where arrangements were incomplete this morning.



MAKES POINT: Dr. C. Bassett Brown, education chairman of the Benton Harbor branch of the NAACP, called for end to de facto segregation in schools in address before Benton Harbor Kiwanis club. (Staff photo)

Successful Drive Leader Re-named

March Of Dimes Begins January 1

William Breninghouse has been named campaign director for the 1969 March of Dimes in Berrien county. Tom Gillespie, president of the Berrien County Chapter of the National Foundation, said it will be a repeat performance for Breninghouse who headed the 1968 campaign which accounted for a 25 percent increase in contributions.

In accepting the position, Breninghouse stated: "Far too often the miracle of birth is marred by birth defects. Through education, research and public information the National Foundation is leading the way toward reducing the heart-break and waste of life caused by birth defects. I know that the people of Berrien county will once again respond generously to their March of Dimes."

Breninghouse and his family live at 2708 Lakeshore drive, St. Joseph. He is a Whirlpool Corp. public relations executive.

BEGINS SOON

The 1969 March of Dimes will begin Jan. 1 and extend through the month of January. Andrew Novikoff, executive secretary of the Berrien county chapter, stated that community chairmen are now being appointed as well as chairmen for clubs, industry and special events. He noted that the traditional Mothers' March date will be announced soon.

Novikoff reminded workers that although the March of Dimes effort is now turned toward birth defects there are still many county residents who are victims of polio being assisted by the March of Dimes.

Three Are Appointed In Lake Twp.

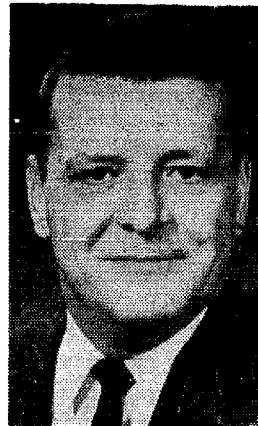
BRIDGMAN — Charles Reck, Arthur Kading, and Richard Carpenter were appointed to the Lake township board of review at last night's Lake township board meeting.

Action on an ordinance to split lots in subdivisions was tabled for further study.

Bills totaling \$3,577 were approved for payment. Two building permits totaling \$400 were also approved.

TO HOLD AUCTION

GALLEN — The sophomore class of Galien high school will hold an auction at the school on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.



WILLIAM BRENINGHOUSE

Another BH Man Helped On Report

There were two, not just one, native Benton Harborites who worked on a special report that labeled Chicago's street disorders during the Democratic National Convention a "police riot."

Atty. Joseph Feldman, now of Chicago, was one of the 90-member investigating staff headed by Daniel Walker, Chicago corporation lawyer. Feldman is associated with the Chicago law firm of Sonnenschein, Levinson, Carlin, Nath and Rosenthal. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan law school and a former instructor there.

His parents are Atty. and Mrs. Robert Feldman, 1380 Miami road, Benton Harbor.

An article in this newspaper yesterday disclosed that Jerry Morton of Benton Harbor, former reporter for this newspaper, also was a member of the staff that made a special study of the Chicago disorders for a report to a presidential commission on crime and violence.

BH School Aide Reports \$800 Theft

Calvin C. Wheeler, a coordinator for the Benton Harbor school program, told St. Joseph police yesterday he had over \$800 worth of equipment stolen from his apartment at 2708 Lake Shore drive.

Wheeler said the articles included an amplifier and radio, a phonograph turntable, a polaroid camera and a movie projector.

'Complete Shift' Said Necessary

ARIC Criticized For Not Telling About Its Plans

BY RAY SMETANKA
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor oral surgeon, Dr. C. Bassett Brown, yesterday told a luncheon gathering of the Benton Harbor Kiwanis club that only "a complete shift in the status quo" will successfully integrate the black and white communities here.

Speaking to approximately 60 members at the Vincent hotel, Brown criticized what he called "de facto segregation" in the Benton Harbor school system and rapped the Area Resources Improvement Council for "not saying what it plans to do to change the community situation."

"ARIC has the power to make this community something better," Brown said. "But it is apparently apprehensive of losing support by detailing its plans."

Dr. Brown is education chairman of the Benton Harbor branch of the NAACP.

FOR COMPLETE INTEGRATION

Afterwards Brown told a newsman that he advocates the complete integration of the Benton Harbor school system "by whatever means necessary."

Brown said that studies indicate that Negro ghetto students do not produce as they "are capable" because they have a poor image of themselves and feel that they have been shut off from the rest of school children.

"Putting black children in with whites is not going to 'hold down' the white students," Brown said. "After all, white students are doing alright with slower students of their own race now. Even if Negro students integrated with them were slower, why should that be any more of an educational drag?"

Brown went on to praise the Fairplain junior high school, calling it a "good but only token attempt" at integration. "But Benton Harbor junior high school downtown is overcrowded."

Brown said school integration



VIET NAM HERO RETURNS: Spec. 4, Glenn Jacobs, 21, (right) is home on a month's leave, after serving a year with the 25th division Army Infantry in Cu Chi, Viet Nam. Jacobs a 1965 graduate of Benton Harbor high school received the Army Commendation Medal for heroism and the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Jacobs is chatting with his father Elwood N. Jacobs, owner of American Laundry and Dry Cleaners of Benton Harbor. Jacobs will be at home with his parents at 1875 Elmwood terrace, Fair Plain, until Dec. 17, when he will report to Fort Hood, Texas, to complete his tour of duty. (Staff photo)

among elementary age children is important because "a child will produce only in relation to his opinion of himself."

"In the ghetto school a child doesn't produce because he doesn't get a good picture of himself," Brown said.

Brown denied that there was any trend towards "black separatism" among Negroes today.

Referring to the often reported demand of campus Negroes for separate black student unions, Brown took the opportunity to criticize the new media for inaccurate coverage.

"These demands are purely made out of frustration at now being allowed in the white society," Brown said. "But the

newspapers are not getting that point across. Newspapers are only interested in reporting the sensational within the black community; they don't give good day-to-day coverage."

Brown said that this same news pitfall has caused the media to present a tarnished image of activist black leaders like H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael.

"The newspapers are only interested in the sensational things Stokely (Carmichael) says and quote him completely out of context," he said.

BLACK PRIDE

Asked whether leaders like Carmichael have the support of him and the black community, Brown replied "Anyone who talks black pride has the support of our community."

During his talk to the club, Brown traced the history of the black man in America, emphasizing that the black man was in the New World a century before the Mayflower, there were 5,000 blacks in the Continental army, and there were 300,000 Negroes in the Union army during the Civil War.

Brown said that one of the major reasons that America is in its present dominant economic position is "the many years of free black labor."

Brown said that it is important to study black history in order to find out "just why we are divided into two communities."

"By looking at black history we can learn and examine the factors that have kept us apart," Brown said.

Bainbridge Reschedules Meeting

The Bainbridge township board meeting, originally scheduled for last night, was postponed until 7 p.m. next Monday, because of funeral services held yesterday for Charles Lull, Sr., father of township treasurer James Lull.

Taglia Will Defend Accused Murderer

St. Joseph Atty. Paul Taglia was appointed Monday by Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns to represent Joseph Lawrence Collins, 30, of route 1, Lawrence, accused of first-degree murder during a burglary in the 1965 shooting death of an 84-year-old Pipestone township widow, Mrs. Verna Versaw.

The judge also issued a suppression order on a nine-page statement by Collins and extended it to prevent police and court officers from repeating anything said by Collins while in custody.

Collins' wife, Mariam, 35, also is charged with murder. They were arrested Nov. 26 on warrants authorized by Berrien Prosecutor John T. Hammond.

2nd Look Free For Landlords

BH Changes Policy Concerning Rent Inspections

In one of the shorter meetings in its history, the Benton Harbor city commission last night voted unanimously to drop building inspection fees on the re-rental of dwelling units.

The commission made it the first order of business in the 16-minute session to discontinue the fee of \$2 for inspection and \$5 for re-inspection which it had instituted last summer in a measure that had required inspection before re-rental of all units.

Commissioner Gregory Longpre said that charging an inspection fee "would cost more to the city than it would make" because of bookkeeping procedures.

PROPOSED BY MAYOR

Mayor Wilbert Smith had proposed the resolution last week saying that landlords, as taxpayers were entitled to the inspection free of charge.

In other business, the commission unanimously approved a request by the Benton Harbor Exchange club to hold the annual Good Fellow Newsie Sale on Dec. 20.

The commission referred to the finance committee a proposed one year contract for \$670 with Dunn and Bradstreet to provide credit investigations of all those proposing to redevelop urban renewal land.

City manager Don Stewart told the commission that the Chicago office of the Depart-

Commissioner F. J. Flaugher In Hospital

Benton Harbor City Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugher was absent from last night's council meeting because he is undergoing a checkup and tests at University of Michigan hospital, Ann Arbor.

Flaugher entered the hospital last week, reportedly because he had not been feeling up to par recently. Mayor Wilbert Smith said he talked to him earlier yesterday and told the commission last night that "he sounded in fine spirits."

ment of Housing and Urban Development has notified the city that all redevelopment proposals must be accompanied by such a credit report.

The commission set a zoning board of appeals meeting for Dec. 16 on a request for a variance from Henry Bland of 768 Edgemoor avenue. Bland is asking that he be allowed to extend the roof of his porch six inches closer to his property line than allowed by zoning ordinance.

LETTER FROM WIDOW

City clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke read to the commission a letter received by the city from Mrs. Robert Kennedy expressing her appreciation for condolences she had received from the commission after the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy in June.

The commission referred to the legislative committee offers to sell to urban renewal property by Alfred and Nona Frazier and Louanna Sanders at 555 Ninth street for \$4,100; Clifford Carr at 134 Market street, \$592 for irremovable fixtures; Juanita Smith at 136 Market street, \$143 for irremovable fixtures; and Katie Langley at 140 Market street, \$1,004 for irremovable fixtures.

The commission voted to set a date for the hearing of objections on a proposed change of zoning earlier requested by John Frost of the Frost Funeral home of 420 Pipestone street.

The request would change from residential to local commercial the west side of Pipestone between Britain avenue and Lake street and the east side of Pipestone between Cherry and Maple streets.

Rate Hearing

LANSING (AP) — Base rate applications of Michigan Blue Shield and Blue Cross — which seeks an increase — will be the topics at a hearing Dec. 10 in the Lansing offices of the State Insurance Bureau.

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SMC BOARD ALLOWS SDS CHAPTER TO STAY

Unanimous
Vote, But
ReluctantComes After Tie
Vote On Motion
To Ban ChapterBy RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

DOWAGIAC — Members of the Southwestern Michigan college board of trustees voted unanimously but reluctantly last night to permit continued operation of the Students for a Democratic Society campus chapter.

Minutes earlier, the board voted to a 3 to 3 deadlock on a resolution that would have banned the SDS chapter, formed about two weeks ago.

SPECIAL MEETING

Both votes came during a special meeting on the issue, attended by about 50 persons in the college arts building auditorium. Present were a sprinkling of SDS members, a larger number of student senate members, and a few instructors, including Larry Grosser, faculty advisor to the organization.

Dr. Fred T. Mathews, board chairman, offered the compromise, saying it hinged on immediate action against any student engaged in disruptive practices. Action, he said, could include suspension or permanent expulsion.

The compromise also overruled a policy statement of last



'COLLEGES UNDER ATTACK': Mrs. Barbara Wood Hunziker, secretary of Southwestern Michigan college, reads her resolution to ban campus SDS chapter, saying colleges are under attack from

this type of organization. Board vote last night deadlocked on this and then voted unanimously to let group remain, subject to watchdog provision by board. From left are: the Rev. William P. D.

O'Leary, board vice-chairman; Dr. Fred T. Mathews, board chairman; Mrs. Hunziker; and Trustees Kenneth Poe, Mrs. Dorothy Brown and A. C. Kairis. (Staff photo)

Sept. 12, giving authority on administering campus organizations to the college president. Now, the board is to have complete control, according to the board-passed resolution drafted by Dr. Mathews.

Dr. Mathews earlier had voted in favor of the resolution which would have banned the SDS chapter. This resolution was presented by Mrs. Barbara Wood Hunziker, board secretary, and also supported by Trustee A.C. Kairis.

Opposing the ban, but joining in the compromise resolution were Trustees Kenneth Poe, Mrs. Dorothy Brown and the Rev. P.D. O'Leary, board vice chairman.

Absent last night was Trustee

Dale A. Lyons.

DESCRIBE TACTICS

For nearly two hours before the votes, board members described tactics of most SDS campus chapters as "devisive, disruptive, subversive or anarchistic" in their activities. Campus rebellions and forceful closing of Columbia university and San Francisco State college were cited, along with a "lay-in" recently at Notre Dame to prevent Central Intelligence Agency interviews.

Also mentioned was the recent inclusion by the federal government of the national SDS in a list of subversive groups.

All board members present last night, however, said chapter members at Southwestern

Michigan college are fine citizens, completely trustworthy.

Concern was voiced over years to come, with nearly all trustees asking about prospects of less trustworthy students. The board also received assurances that the local chapter does not plan to affiliate with the national SDS, although individual members may do so.

Lee Poehlman, 19, a sophomore at SMC, didn't like the board's final decision. Poehlman, of Dowagiac, is one of the original SDS members here. He said about 40 students were at the first chapter meeting.

He was concerned after the meeting that the board "will look twice at us every time we make a move, but not at any

other organization." Asked why the local group didn't select a different name, since it did not intend to join the national organization, Poehlman said:

"This would be all show, no go. We could have called ourselves the fruit and flower club. But this wouldn't have been honest since the name SDS is known as what we stand for in our beliefs."

Poehlman said the SDS chapter was approved here about 2½ weeks ago.

John Cansfield, dean of students, told the board the chapter had petitioned the office of student services for the right to organize. This was okayed by his office and the student senate, a student government-type organization. All guidelines for responsible operation had been guaranteed, and a faculty advisor had been named.

Dr. Mathews after the meeting said the appearance of the chapter on the campus caused concern among some trustees. This is why the meeting was held.

Dr. Mathews said his compromise was to break the deadlock vote and also bring the issue to an immediate head, rather than postponing the matter to a later date.

Dr. Mathews also indicated that his compromise was to prevent a breakdown in confidence among students, board members and the administration.

As to the functions of the local SDS, Poehlman cited plans to secure food for the needy in Dowagiac as a prime first effort. After the meeting, he went farther:

'AFRAID OF CHANGE'
"People are afraid of change. We're all together in this world, and I hope Cass county isolation can be ended."

Asked why the SDS here apparently won't affiliate with the national organization, Poehlman said he personally would not want an outsider coming onto the campus with plans and ideas he might not approve.

Asked who heads the SMC chapter, Poehlman said there is none now, though leadership probably will evolve during future meetings of the group.

Poehlman didn't elaborate too much on Cass county "isolation," but he said he has lived here for nine years and has experienced some of the new ideas outside the county. These, he said, included work in the poor people's campaign last summer in Washington, D.C. Poehlman transferred to SMC from Notre Dame and next plans to perhaps re-enter Notre Dame or attend some college in a foreign nation, presumably to secure more experience in world events.

STRONGEST ATTACK

The strongest attack against the SDS came from Mrs. Wood in her resolution to ban the chapter.

With an eye on what the movement might become here, she stated in the preamble to her resolution:

"The American campus is under attack. Leftist revolutionaries dedicated to the destruction of the American society are disrupting campus activities around the country and attempting to silence the majority by force."

The 3½ page document ranged from recitations of past campus violence to quotes from J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, and a pledge that the "overriding purpose in a college is a student's right to get an education."

The worst-received comment came from a woman in the audience who favored banning SDS here, while talking highly of its present student members and others, saying:

"The organization should be banned. These are children, and we must protect them."

"Oh, Oh Oh" came the reply from all students present.

Covert Township
To Rebuild Roads

COVERT—The Covert township board last night reported that reconstruction of 11 miles of local roads will begin next year when initial work will be done for \$200,000, followed by a \$100,000 blacktopping program on these roads in 1970.

The work next year is to include grading, drainage and graveling.

The decision to do the work, aided by state funds, was made during a recent annual inspection tour over township roads.

The board, in other matters, termed urgent the need to improve Briggs drain in the southeast corner of the township because many blueberry plants are submerged. Why the drain is not working properly is not known. Board members last night voted to request Van Buren county drain commissioner Glen Smiley to investigate the matter.

In other business, Andrew Lloyd, Edward Murphy and Clarence Merrill were reappointed to one-year terms on the township board of review.

A request by Henry Drake, state park official to use the township landfill was tabled, pending further study. Harold White, landfill caretaker, said the facility receives heavy use during the days it is open. The landfill is open from 9 a.m. to dusk on Saturdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays.



YOUNGEST CAMPAIGNER: Little Miss Mary Ann Nehmzow, 5, daughter of Mrs. Theresa Nehmzow, 107 South Thompson street, New Buffalo, youngest campaigner for sheriff-elect Forrest "Nick" Jewell in the last election gets a big thank you from Jewell at New Buffalo. Mary Ann in turn pinned her own sheriff's badge on Jewell which reads, "My sheriff-elect, not just a peach, but a Jewell of a guy." Mary Ann worked out of the New Buffalo GOP headquarters. (Don Wehner photo)

Paving Underway
On Baroda Streets

BARODA—Members of the Baroda village council learned last night work has begun to pave portions of three streets within the village.

Streets to be paved are Lake street from Main street to Cleveland avenue; Church street from Main street to Cleveland avenue; and Main street from the end of the existing pavement to the American Legion hall.

The council awarded the paving contract to the John G. Yerington company at last month's meeting at a total cost of \$12,144.90.

Village clerk Mrs. Helen Tollas reported that nominating petitions are now available from her at her home, 9050 Fifth street. She said the posts up for election next March 10 are village president, clerk, treasurer, assessor and three trustees. Mrs. Tollas said anyone wishing to run for one of the positions should obtain a petition from her and the petition must be returned to her by Dec. 30.

If enough candidates file petitions a primary election would be held on Feb. 17.

Trustee Leon Zordell, who heads the street committee, reminded village residents no overnight parking on village streets will be allowed when snow falls so streets can be plowed.

Village marshal John Harner read the police report for the month.

Ordinances
Adopted In
BridgmanCover Beach Use,
Parking Violation
Bureau For City

BRIDGMAN — Action on ordinances took the major portion of time at last night's Bridgman city commission meeting.

An ordinance establishing a parking violation bureau for alleged parking violations in the city was adopted after the second reading.

An amendment to the Weco Beach ordinance which regulates the use of the beach by banning animals and vehicles on the beach was adopted after the final reading.

The first reading of an ordinance to adopt a uniform traffic code and to repeal the old traffic code was read. This ordinance will take effect after the second reading at next month's meeting if there are no objections.

\$40,000 DRAIN

City superintendent Robert Anderson reported the cost of a new storm drain as \$40,000, according to the Berrien County drain commissioner. The proposed drain would extend from South Church street to the railroad and south to the Haller drain.

The commission authorized the county drain commissioner to proceed with the necessary work to complete the drain.

Anderson also reminded Bridgman residents that no parking on city streets will be allowed from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. for snow removal purposes during the winter months.

Discussion was held on the necessity of having a blinker light at the corner of Church and Lake streets. The commission decided to contact the Berrien County Road commission and find out what kind of traffic control it would recommend for this corner.

CONSUMER SURVEY

Bun Baldwin, Jr., president of the Bridgman Chamber of Commerce, presented a sample copy of a consumer survey that will be taken in the Bridgman area by the students in the high school economics class. Baldwin offered the commission the opportunity of adding to the survey which they did. They added a section where residents can evaluate the city's services. The survey will be taken in December and residents will also be given a chance to evaluate schools and shopping facilities and to indicate suggested changes in the city.

Baldwin said the results of the survey will be used by Bridgman merchants to assist them in determining the shopping patterns and wishes of Bridgman residents.

Baldwin personally delivered a letter from the Bridgman planning commission of which he is a member. He requested that the city commission cooperate with the planning commission and appoint someone to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Davis.

He also implored the commission to cooperate with city planners in order that the planning commission can take action to plan for the future needs and growth of the city. He also requested the commission be represented at the planning commission meetings.

COOPERATION ASKED

Baldwin said, "We are faced with hiring a professional to assist us in drawing up a master plan for the city. We are reluctant to take action unless we get complete cooperation of the city commission."

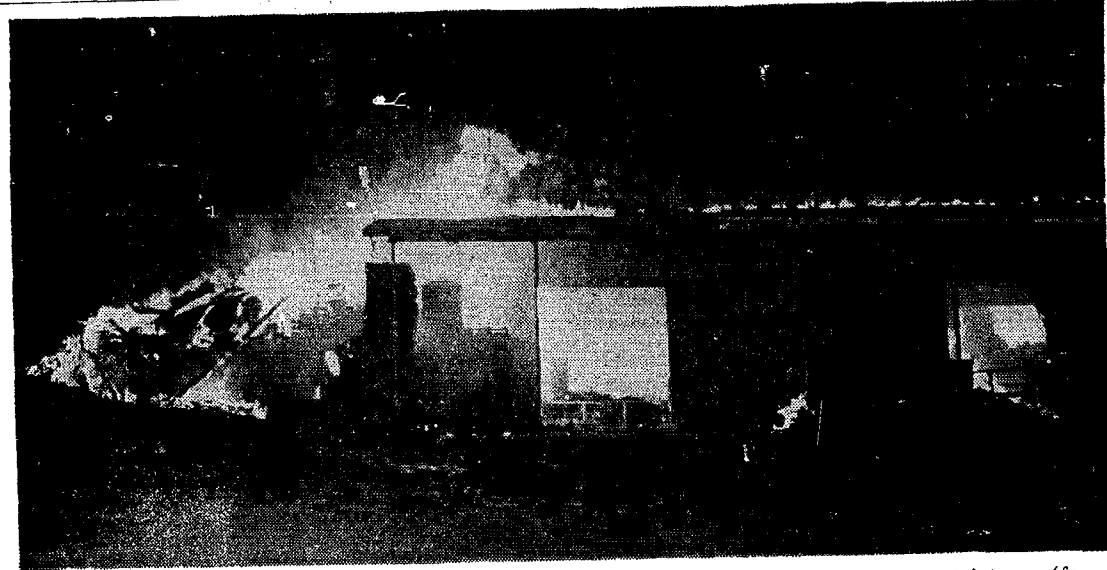
In other action, the commission gave music groups from Andrews university permission to carol in the city on Dec. 7.

The sophomore class of Bridgman high school was granted permission to sell Christmas trees in the lot west of the Bridgman Bakery from Dec. 4 to Dec. 24.

Bills totaling \$4,166.18 were approved for payment.

Hagar Township
Board Meets,
Pays Bills

RIVERSIDE—The only official action conducted by members of the Hagar township board last night was to pay bills totaling \$1,805. The zoning board also met last night, but conducted no business.



LACOTA PLANT BURNS: Fire sweeps through the fruit packing plant at Dilley's Packing company at Lacota early today causing an estimated loss of \$40,000. Fire started in a wood frame portion

of the building, where flame is most intense (foreground) and threatened adjoining cold storage warehouse in background before being brought under control by South Haven firemen. (Staff photo)

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000

Lacota Packing Plant Ruined

LACOTA — A fire of undetermined origin swept through the fruit packing plant at Dilley's Packing company here early today. Company officials placed the loss at a minimum of \$40,000.

The blaze, which originated in the office and storage area at the south end of the plant, destroyed the entire packing plant and threatened an adjoining cold storage warehouse containing 26,000 bushels of apples.

South Haven firemen battled the blaze for over three hours and were able to save the fruit storage portion of the building. However, plant manager William Austin noted that compressors and other storage equipment were destroyed in the fire.

and that the fruit will have to be moved.

STORAGE FILLED

Austin said the storage bins were nearly filled to their capacity of 30,000 bushels and that the company had started packing apples only Monday for shipment.

He said all of the packing equipment, compressors and a \$14,000 lift truck were lost in the fire. Austin hinted that the loss

might even run higher than first estimates. The structure was insured.

Firemen were summoned to the plant shortly before 6 a.m. today after an employee, Logan Teal, who lives on the property, noticed fire while eating his breakfast. Locato is about eight miles east of South Haven on the Van Buren-Allegan county line.

Teal said he first knew something was wrong when the lights in his cottage began to dim and finally went out. He said he thought he saw a flash, looked outside and noticed fire breaking through the roof of the office. Teal said the electric power was fed from the factory to

his home.

By the time firemen arrived, the entire packing plant was ablaze, firemen said. They said they were able to save the adjoining cinder block storage building, probably because this structure was completely sealed off from the rest of the plant.

Austin said the fire seemed to have started in the oldest portion of the plant, a wood frame building that was being used for offices and storage. He noted that this part of the plant was heated by a gas heater fed from a bottled gas tank.

The business is currently owned by the Varnum Dilley estate now being probated following Dilley's death.

THREE NEW BUSES

In regular business last night, the school board voted to purchase three new 60-passenger buses from R.A. Imus Dodge, Paw Paw, for \$9,714 each. Imus was lowest of four bidders.

Trustees Emery Crawford, H. George Leonard and Mrs. Duane Castor were named to serve another year on the negotiation team representing the administration in teacher

contract talks.

The board also reported that a new water well being drilled on school property will be completed soon and voted to accept an offer from Covert township board to install a fire hydrant for \$100. The board approved \$50 for the Kalamazoo Child Guidance clinic and also approved bills totaling \$7,165.

School officials reported that classes will recess Dec. 20 for the Christmas vacation and resume Jan. 6.

COVERT — Covert school district property owners next Monday will vote on a \$1,485,000 bond issue, proposed to finance a 13-room addition to the elementary school and other improvements, including an athletic plant.

Paper ballots will be used for the election at Covert township hall here, school officials reported. The reason is that the state has ordered all voting machines locked and sealed until Dec. 11, because of the

possibility of a recount on the daylight savings time question from the Nov. 5 election.

Beside the 13 new classrooms, the bonds would finance a multi-purpose room for the elementary school, along with a cafeteria and kitchen. Also provided would be new locker rooms and shower facilities for the gymnasium, a garage and expansion of parking lot and playground.

The new athletic plant would include a football field and